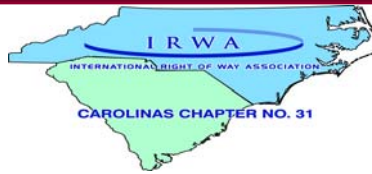


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Letter from President Dan Rushing

Whoever said “time and tide wait for no man” was ‘spot-on’. It’s hard to believe we are embarking on the 10th year of the 21st Millennium. This year we plan to celebrate a significant milestone – the 50th Anniversary of IRWA Carolinas Chapter 31. Much has been accomplished by others. We have much to do. I must acknowledge the tireless efforts of 2009 President Paul Thompson, SR/WA culminating years of dedicated service to Chapter 31 and Region 6. I am grateful to each of you before him for preparing the way and supporting the organization since it was founded in 1960. We have a rich history of leadership and service.



Exciting events and new initiatives are planned for the next fifty years and beyond with IRWA (International) leading the way. Your dues are providing a wealth of useful information and services. Use it. If you have not visited the IRWA website recently, do it. In order to synchronize our fiscal year with International’s your current officers have agreed to serve an extended term through June 30, 2011. Your input and questions are always welcome.

John Gaffney is lining up an impressive array of speakers/programs for quarterly seminars in February, April, August and September (see 2010 program schedule). Make plans now to attend the seminars, courses and IRWA’s 56th Annual International Education Conference in Calgary, AB, June 20-23. Beginning Wednesday, October 21, Chapter 31 kicks off four days of education, celebration and leadership development at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Charleston SC. The celebration begins with a Low Country Seafood Boil on Thursday evening at Al Oswald’s place. Following the Fall Seminar and leadership development training on Friday, the chapter is hosting a 50th Anniversary reception in the evening. Education includes Course #215 – Right of Way Agent’s Development Course; offered on Wednesday-Thursday, and facilitated by Ted Williams. We are hosting the Region 6 Fall Forum on Saturday, October 23. Make your reservations early or you’ll miss out (and it’s Buzz’ birthday!).

Please note the proposed 2010 budget shows a deficit. The additional spending will be used to support education initiatives and encourage membership retention by using accumulated cash reserves. Kent Winslow, SR/WA, is implementing the schedule offering core courses intended to strategically support those who are candidates for a designation. These designations are becoming increasingly valuable as the benchmark of professionalism.

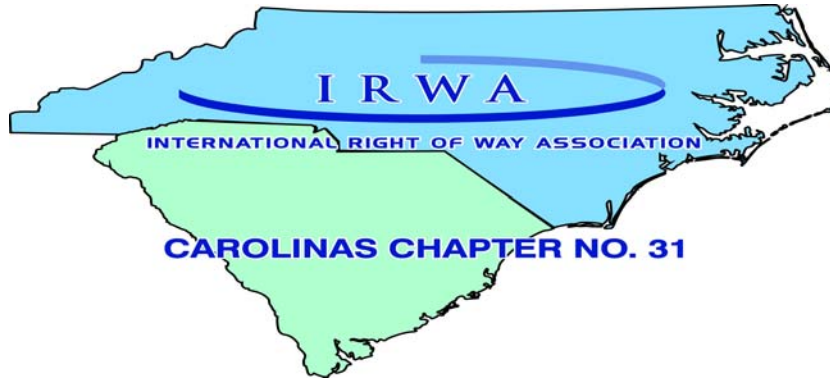
The future of our industry and the IRWA organization looks bright. We need your involvement, attendance and commitment to professionalism to continue on the path that lies before us. I look forward to serving you and participating in the journey of excellence with great anticipation and optimism for years to come. — Dan

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QUICK REMINDERS:

- Renew your membership dues before January 31st or you’ll lose your SRWA!
- \$10 Early Registration for the Feb. 26th Belmont Meeting!
- Chapter Member Discount for Course 103!



Winter Seminar February 26, 2010

Hampton Inn Charlotte—Belmont @ Montcross

820 Cecilia Alexander Dr (85 McAdenville Road for your GPS)

Belmont, NC 28012

704-825-6100

Thursday, February 25, 2010

6:00 pm **Hospitality Suite at the Hampton Inn Charlotte—Belmont** (*Abby Room*)

Friday, February 26, 2010

7:30 am – 8:00 am Seminar Registration (Montcross Room)

8:00 am – 8:30 am **Committee Reports**

8:30 am – 8:40 am Break

8:40 am – 9:30 am **Jack Christine**, Charlotte Douglas International Airport —
"Real Estate related to the airport"

9:30 am – 9:40 am Break

9:40 am – 10:30 am **Fitzhugh Stout**, Integra Realty Resources —"Appraising in Today's Market"

10:30 am – 10:40 am Break

10:40 am – 11:30 am **Harold Backman**, Duke Energy —"This is not your typical part delivery"

11:30 am – 11:40 am Break

11:40 am – 12:30 pm **Kimberly Meesters**, NASCAR — "NASCAR Hall of Fame"

12:30 pm – 1:15 pm Lunch

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm **Chapter 31 Board of Directors Business Meeting**

REGISTRATION

Carolinas Chapter 31, Winter Seminar

Belmont, NC February 26, 2010

Hampton Inn Charlotte — Belmont @ Montcross

820 Cecilia Alexander Dr (85 McAdenville Road for your GPS)

Belmont, NC 28012

TELEPHONE 704-825-6100

ROOM RATE \$89.00 + tax

Make sure to tell them you're with the IRWA

IRWA ROOM BLOCK—MUST RESERVE BY February 3, 2010

Directions: From I-85 South, Exit 26 (Belmont-Mount Holly Road), take a right. At the first stop light (7 West), take a right. Hotel will be on the right.

From I-85 North, Exit 26 (Belmont-Mount Holly Road), take a left at stop light (McAdenville Road). Hotel will be on the left.

WINTER SEMINAR - 2010

MEETING REGISTRATION FEE - **\$10.00 (\$20 at the door)**

Name _____ Phone _____

Company _____

Street/PO Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Guest(s) Name(s)* _____

Guest Company _____

**Mail this form along with a \$10.00 registration fee (Payable to IRWA Chapter 31)
by Friday, February 19th to —**

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***Meeting registration fee is waived for first-time guests.**

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International Right of Way Association
2010 Leadership Directory

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2010 Budget

Chapter 31 Proposed Budget for 2010

Income

Membership Dues (net)	\$5,100
Seminar Registration	\$1,800
Education Course Registration	\$5,000
Sponsorships, Advertising	\$1,500
Interest (net of taxes withheld)	\$ 500
Total Revenue	\$13,900

Expenses

Seminar Costs	\$2,800
Educational Course Cost	\$6,000
Travel & Conference Reimbursements	\$6,000
Region Forum & Anniversary	\$6,000
Administrative & Misc	\$ 750
Region 6 Dues	\$ 350
RWIEF Auction Donation	\$ 500
Total Expenses	\$22,400
Net Income (Expense)	\$(8,500)

Notes & Budget Assumptions:

Budget is forecast for entire 2010 year. Revised budget will be submitted and approved by the Board again to coincide with new administrative year beginning July 1, 2010.

- 1) Seminar registration fee reduced to \$10 in advance and \$20 at the door.
- 2) Three courses planned for 2009; C103, C804, C215. (C103 offered at half price)
- 3) Region Forum & 50th Celebration mostly Chapter supported, in lieu of members and sponsors.
- 4) Increased travel to support additional attendees at Region Forum and Annual Conference. Chapter will support 4 to Forums and 3 to Conference.
- 5) Strategic plan calls for deficit spending to accomplish several goals:
 - * Increased attendance/participation at seminars
 - * Increase number of SR/WA members
 - * Reduce costs for recertifications
 - * Build Chapter while reducing surplus funds

Chapter 31 Headline News

PDC News

Simple information on how to move forward on your professional advancement:

Senior Member Program—How to Start

Go to Irwaonline.org— you will go to certification—download the Program Guide.

Within the Program Guide you will find a form to complete, the one page “Declaration of Candidacy”.

Complete the Declaration and contact the Chapter PDC.

Submit completed form to IRWA Headquarters with appropriate fee.

Senior Member— How to Complete

Complete all courses, have enough experience, complete your exam requirements.

Complete the Senior Member Completion application.

Notify the Chapter PDC with your intentions.

Interview with PDC—Submit the completion application with fees to IRWA Headquarters.

Certification Program—There is an exam for each certification now

Complete Declaration of Candidacy and contact the Chapter PDC.

Complete requirements.

Submit completed certification application with fees.

Submitted by PDC Chairman, John Horne



Who are these jokers? Please send in your old photos to irwa.ch31.pictures@gmail.com!

Upcoming Course

Ethics and the ROW Profession/Course 103

Instructed by Ted Williams

February 25, 2010 (8 a.m. – 5p.m.)

Location: Hampton Inn—Belmont at Montcross

820 Cecilia Alexander Drive

Belmont, NC 28012

Class Tuition: Members \$265.00

Non Members: \$315.00

(Includes all course materials)

\$140 DISCOUNT AVAILABLE TO

CHAPTER 31 MEMBERS!!!!

(This is NOT offered for online registration.)

Accommodations: Hampton Inn

Phone: 704/825-6100

Rate: \$89 plus 7.5% tax single or double

Reservation block for IRWA

For more information contact:

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Chapter 31 to Celebrate 50th Anniversary!

In 2010 Chapter 31 turns 50 and to celebrate we are planning special events in October to coincide with the Region 6 Fall Forum. We'll be in beautiful Charleston, SC at the **Embassy Suites Hotel (near the convention center) October 20 through 23, 2010**. Kent Winslow has negotiated an unbelievable hotel rate of **\$109.00 plus tax** through Saturday night, so bring your spouse/family/significant other for a weekend in this gracious southern city. Event planning is still in the works, but here is a brief preview of what we hope will take place:

- Wednesday and Thursday, October 20 and 21—**Course 215 Right of Way Agent's Development Program**.
- Thursday evening hospitality reception will be "**Al Oswald's Famous Low Country Shrimp Boil**" held on James Island.
- Friday, October 22, Leadership Seminar. We hope to present modules from the new IRWA Leadership Institute. These programs will help volunteers to be more effective within the organization and will provide personal development to enhance their effectiveness in other leadership roles in life.
- After the seminar you will have an opportunity to explore Charleston!
- Friday Night will be our **50th Celebration Reception** at the Embassy Suites Hotel beginning at 6:30 pm. We will have cocktails and wonderful heavy hors d'oeuvres. We will also get to welcome our Region 6 Forum attendees.
- Steve Amos is preparing a **video slide show of our Chapter's history**. Please email any pictures that you would like to share for this event to irwa.ch31.pictures@gmail.com
- Saturday, October 23, 2010—Region 6 Fall Forum

We particularly want to include members who may not have been active of late and whose contact information has changed due to retirement, relocation, etc. If you have current contact information for an inactive member please send that information to kwinslow001@carolina.rr.com.

As time gets closer to this event, we may be calling upon some of you to assist with the planning. It will be fun and we promise not to work you too hard! Stay tuned for future announcements as events take shape.

50th Anniversary Committee:

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW TO JOIN US!

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♦ PREDICTABLE PERFORMANCE ♦

Don't miss the party!



If you have news for the *Carolinas' Courier* please contact :

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PICTURES OF THE FALL CHAPTER MEETING



Our new Presidente`, Dan Rushing, caught in this Orwellian-Apple / Gen. Patton shot, is exhorting the membership on to bigger and better things. Although we don't have the next frame in sequence, the sledge hammer fell shortly thereafter through the screen. We don't need no revolution.... mind control.

Don't forget! We're on the web @ www.IRWA31.com



Ah, the ubiquitous happy Officer Installation photo. everybody's swearing to do the honorable thing, tell the truth and all. Even the Bobbsey twins, John and John, (their parents had a naming hang-up thing), look happy and are ready to do their respective jobs. Paul and Bill are smiling for some sneaky reason. Why Dan isn't smiling, we may never know. Thanks Larry!



Here we have the typical 'member gets plaque award shot' with Larry Wright handing off to Buster Allen. Though you might think it's for *Member of the Year* or some other official sorta thing, it's not. If you run the Zoom up on your Adobe reader thing to 183.82% or so, you'll see it is for the Busiest Shirt Award—2009. J/K, it's actually for the MotY Award. Well done Buster.



Past and new Presidents take a few seconds out for some fun shag dancing. Here Paul and Dan are about to show the belly roll and then the pass forward. Larry is setting the mood right with some nice beach music songs.



Paul Thompson receives the 'Professional of the Year' award for 2009. Congrats Paul. Ya know, Larry Wright has been busier than an, ahem, one-armed wall paper hanger in this issue. Thanks again Larry :O)